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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6474

BILL NUMBER: SB 162

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: East Chicago School Board.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Randolph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill establishes the governing body of the East Chicago School Corporation (ECSC) consisting of five members: (1) one member appointed by the city executive; (2) one member appointed by the city legislative body; and (3) three members elected at-large by the voters of the school corporation. The bill provides that the terms of the members are for four years and begin on January 1 after an election or appointment. The bill provides for staggered terms. It repeals provisions establishing a nine-member governing body with six members elected from the same districts as members of the city common council.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* The ECSC governing body currently consists of five members. However, P.L. 179-2011 has established a nine-member, nonpartisan elected governing body for the ECSC beginning after the 2012 general election. The effective date of this provision would render the governing body configuration under P.L. 179 obsolete. Given that the four additional members have not yet attained office, this provision should be expenditure neutral with respect to governing body members' per diem expenses.

Background: The current ECSC governing body members were appointed by the mayor of East Chicago and

have staggered terms. The last term of the current membership is set to expire on December 31, 2012.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Lake County Elections Board; School City of East Chicago.

Information Sources: Department of Education website: www.doe.state.in.us.

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